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SENATE BILL 401

By Gresham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 3, relative to classroom instructional supplies for teachers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-3-359(a), is amended by deleting the following language:

There is included in the Tennessee BEP an amount of money sufficient to pay two hundred dollars (\$200) for every teacher in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12). This money shall be used by the teachers for instructional supplies. One hundred dollars (\$100) shall be given to each teacher by October 31 of each school year so that the teacher may spend it at any time during that school year on instructional supplies as determined necessary by the teacher. The second one hundred dollars (\$100) shall be pooled with all such teachers in a school and spent as determined by a committee of the teachers for such purpose.

and substituting instead the following language:

There is included in the Tennessee BEP an amount of money sufficient to pay four hundred dollars (\$400) for every teacher in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12). This money shall be used by the teachers for instructional supplies. Two hundred dollars (\$200) shall be given to each teacher by October 31 of each school year so that the teacher may spend it at any time during that school year on instructional supplies as determined necessary by the teacher. The second two hundred dollars (\$200) shall be pooled with all such teachers in a school and spent as determined by a committee of the teachers for such purpose.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.